



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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Mr. Thomas W. Horton
Chairman, President &
Chief Executive Officer
AMR Corp./American Airlines, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Horton,

As you know, representatives from American Airlines recently met with representatives from Jefferson County, Texas regarding the possible creation of a new route from DFW to the Southeast Texas regional airport in Jefferson County. I strongly support this proposal, and believe that an agreement to bring American Airlines flights to the airport would be mutually beneficial for both American Airlines and the region.

United Airlines recently cancelled their jet service from the Southeast Texas Regional Airport to Houston, and the airport is now without regular daily commercial air service. The area is home to a large energy and petrochemical industrial base, including over 12% of the nation's refining capacity. Over 60% of our nation's jet fuel is refined in the area. The area receives tens of thousands of visitors from all over the country, and the world, each year. All of these visitors could be new customers to American Airlines should you expand service to the airport. Lamar University, a University with over 14,000 students from all over the country will also bring many customers to the possible route.

The area has a local population base of over 500,000, and well over a million within a 45 minute drive to the airport. I strongly believe that the community can, and will, support a reliable air service link to the DFW airport and all of the connections that American Airlines offers. I urge you to fully consider all that the Southeast Texas Regional Airport can offer your airline. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at 202-225-6565 should I be able to answer any questions about the area, or be of further assistance to you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress